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**Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association Announces Judicial Candidate Ratings**

 The Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York announces its ratings for this year’s candidates for Erie County Family Court and Buffalo City Court.

 The Western New York Chapter of the Women’s Bar Association uses a four-level overall rating system of Outstanding, Highly Qualified, Qualified and Not Recommended. The rating is based upon a personal interview with the candidate, evaluation of writing samples submitted by the candidate, and a survey of our membership as to their professional experience with the candidate. As part of the overall rating, judicial candidates were rated Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair and Poor in the areas of Judicial Temperament, Legal Reasoning Ability, Experience for the Position Sought and Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues.

**ERIE COUNTY FAMILY COURT CANDIDATES**

**Hon. Mary Giallanza Carney Outstanding**

Judicial Temperament Excellent

Legal Reasoning Ability Excellent

Experience for the Position Sought Excellent

Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues Excellent

**Hon. Shannon E. Filbert Highly Qualified**

Judicial Temperament Excellent

Legal Reasoning Ability Very Good

Experience for the Position Sought Very Good

Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues Excellent

**Hon. Deanne M. Tripi Highly Qualified**

Judicial Temperament Very Good

Legal Reasoning Ability Very Good

Experience for the Position Sought Excellent

Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues Very Good

**BUFFALO CITY COURT CANDIDATES**

**Tiffany R. Perry Highly Qualified**

Judicial Temperament Excellent

Legal Reasoning Ability Very Good

Experience for the Position Sought Very Good

Commitment to Women’s Issues and Community Issues Very Good